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Grammos battles [1949]. Tsingelis said in his letter that when he arrived in Albania he worked in a factory and then on various construction projects. Two years ago, he was sent to the Herk concentration camp, located north of Tirana, because he complained of the bad living conditions. He said that there are about 83 Greek men and women, all former guerrillas, in this camp. He also said that all of them have given up their Communist ideas and sympathies, and want to return to Greece.

PRISON AND LABOR CAMPS IN THE SATELLITES -- Istanbul, Yeni Sabah, 30 Oct 53

Vienna, 29 October (Nafen) -- A Linz newspaper has published the following information on slave labor camps and prisons in the Satellite countries, quoting a diplomat who has made a long study of the subject.

Czechoslovakia has the largest number of camps and prisons, with 4 percent of the population (600,000 people) confined in about equal numbers in 369 prisons and 372 forced labor camps. In Bulgaria, about 100,000 persons are in camps or prisons. In Poland, more than half a million Poles are confined in 210 prisons and camps. Rumania has more than 500,000 inmates in camps and prisons. In Albania, about 3 percent of the population is confined.

CZECHOSLOVAK BORDER VILLAGE DESTROYED -- Brussels, La Libre, Belgique, 28 Aug 53

Bavarian police announced that violent explosions were heard recently on the Czechoslovak border, probably originating in the village of Eichelberk, which is less than 2 kilometers from the frontier. Police believe that the village is being demolished by a special Czechoslovak squad to prevent its use in harboring fugitives from Iron Curtain countries who attempt to cross the frontier into West Germany.

LABOR CAMP FOR WOMEN NEAR BITTERFELD, GDR -- Luxembourg, Luxemburger Wort, 22 Aug 53

A labor camp for women has recently been established near Bitterfeld in the GDR. There are, at present, about 200 inmates, serving terms of 5 and more years. They are assigned to work at Agfa-Wolfen or on collective farms.

NEW PRISON CAMP NEAR OSTRAVA, CZECHOSLOVAKIA -- Zurich, Neue Zuercher Zeitung, 1 Sep 53

A new prison camp has been erected in Vykanov, 3 kilometers from Ostrava. It is comprised of 15 barracks, housing 1,500 prisoners. The barbed wire around the camp is 4 meters high, and there are watch towers at the four corners of the camp. The prisoners provide forced labor for the construction of a new highway, for a building in Ostrava, and for the Dolni Zdar automobile works.

NEW CONCENTRATION CAMP IN RUMANIA -- Athens, Le Messenger d'Athenes, 3 Oct 53

A new concentration camp has been established in Transylvania, near Deva. It now contains 2,000 prisoners. Most of these are peasants and are used for forced labor.

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